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SUBJECT: JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, AGENDA ITEM 16:

INCREASED EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN ON THE STAFF OF THE
SECRETARIAT

REF: A. IAEA VIENNA 3832; B. STATE 116369

1. IN WHAT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD CALLED "ENTHUSIASTIC
CONSENSUS," U.S. SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON INCREASED
EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN PROFESSIONAL POSTS OF THE
SECRETARIAT PASSED JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. U.S. DEL
SOUGHT AND RECEIVED CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR SUBJECT RES FROM
ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
SWEDEN AND U.K. NO LESS THAN 17 INTERVENTIONS WERE
MADE IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION.

2. TEXT OF RESOLUTION IS AS FOLLOWS: "THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 3352 (XXIX) ADOPTED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON 18 DECEMBER
1974 ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN BY THE SECRETARIATS OF
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ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL:

(A) TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED WOMEN TO POLICY-MAKING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSTS ON THE STAFF OF THE SECRETARIAT, BEARING IN MIND THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII OF THE STATUTE; AND

(B) TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION OT THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBER STATES IN VIEW OF THE PROCLAMATION OF 1975 AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR" BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. U.S. DEL FOUND MUCH SUPPORT FOR SPIRIT AND SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION AMONG ALMOST ALL BOARD MEMBERS, AND HAS REASON TO BELIEVE DG WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. RELATED ACTIONS CONFIRM THIS IMPRESSION. AS NOTED REF. A, ON MAY 23, 1975, MISSION REQUESTED CERTAIN STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM SECRETARIAT REGARDING STATUS OF WOMEN ON SECRETARIAT STAFF, HIRING POLICIES, PUBLICITY, AND RELATED INFORMATION. IN LETTERS DATED JUNE 6 AND JUNE 10, 1975, DDG HALL SUPPLIED REQUESTED INFORMATION AND OUTLINED AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES SUBSEQUENT TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3342 AND 3352 OF 29TH SESSION. AMONG THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED ESTABLISHMENT OF STAFF COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS ISSUE BEING FORWARDED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST THAT SENATOR PERCY'S OFFICE BE INFORMED AND GIVEN TEXT OF SUBJECT RES., IN RESPONSE HIS LETTER TO ME OF FEBRUARY 11, 1975, ON SUBJECT SECTION 305 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974. ALSO INFORM PERCY'S OFFICE THAT I WILL BE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE AT GREATER LENGTH IN SUBSEQUENT LETTER TO HIM UPON MY RETURN JUNE 17. I WILL INCLUDE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE IN MY LETTER FOR USE IN SHOWING RESULTS OF HIS SPONSORSHIP OF LEGISLATION IN IAEA CONTEXT.TAPE

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